Jimison wins school 'Leaders' Scholarship'

John Jimison has won the Century III Leaders Scholarship competition at Appomattox County High School, according to Mrs. Linda Archer, senior counselor.

The 17-year-old senior is now eligible to compete with other high school seniors throughout Virginia for two $1,500 scholarships, two $500 scholarships, and also for a $10,000 national scholarship that will be awarded in a conference of state winners in historic Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia.

John triumphed in the local phase of the Century III Leaders program, a scholarship competition which emphasizes the future concerns of America. Students were judged on the basis of their leadership abilities, community involvement and score on a current events examination. To compete at the state level, John must now write a brief projection outlining what he thinks is one of America's future challenges and how it should be met.

Runners-up in the competition at ACHS are Ms. Cheryl Walton, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Walton and Miss Kim Crabtree, 17-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Crabtree, Jr.

John, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Jimison of Route 3, Appomattox, now competes with other high school winners from around the state for four scholarships, two and an opportunity for the $10,000 top national scholarship.

The two Virginia winners will receive an all-expense-paid trip to the fifth annual Century III National Leadership Seminar in Williamsburg, March 13-16, 1981, to participate in seminars on current issues. In previous years, speakers at these seminars were such notables as news commentators Harry Reasoner and Howard K. Smith, architect/futurist Buckminister Fuller, and the Librarian of Congress, Daniel Boorstin.

The program is administered by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and funded by the Shell Oil Company.

John was privileged to participate in Governor's School for the Gifted at Mary Baldwin College this past summer and then in the Hopwood Scholarship Program at Lynchburg College. Among his involvements this year are editor of the school annual, **The Traveler**, reporter of the Latin Club, participation in the Science Club, FBLA, NHS and Program for the Gifted and Talented. John hopes to attend Lynchburg College next year.

BVFD slates show

The Brookneal Volunteer Fire Department will have a bluegrass show Nov. 15 from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the Brookneal Warehouse.

Bands featured will be the Shenandoah Cutups from Roanoke and Channel 7's "Top of the Morning" show, as well as Stoney Ridge from Halifax.

The warehouse will be heated. A concession stand sponsored by the fire department will be available, as well.

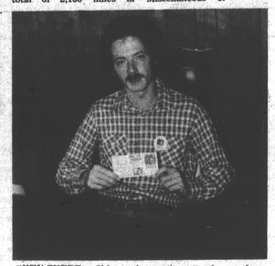
SECOND GRADERS FROM Mrs. Agee's class at Appomattox Primary School enjoyed entertaining students on each grade level with a Hallween play and skit. Each student became involved as a spooky character. By the end of the day, expectations for the bewitching night were running rampant.

ARS responds to 66 calls in Oct.

During the month of October the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 66 calls. While enroute to the hospital, seven persons required oxygen and nine persons were monitored on the mobile E.K.G. Unit.

Volunteer members spent 320½ hours and traveled a total of 2,150 miles in October.

A breakdown of the calls is as follows: Standby at football games - 9; Stab wound - 1; Abdominal pains - 3; broken bones - 5; stroke - 1; chest pains - 4; breathing difficulty - 5; fall - 2; D.O.A. - 5; Heart attack - 3; Convulsions - 4; Transport - 15; Auto wreck - 7; Miscellaneous - 3.



"HEY THERE.....If I can give up cigarettes for one day, anybody can! I'm going to do it; on Nov. 20 I've pledged to quit smoking. Won't you join me?" says E. W. Paulette Jr. Paulette, taking part in The Great American Smokeout urges smokers, especially young people to give up the habit for just one day.

Connie Murray enters DPK

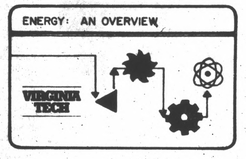
Connie Frances Murray, a Longwood College junior from Pamplin, was recently initiated into Delta Psi Kappa, national professional fraternity in health, physical education and recreation.

The purpose of Delta Psi Kappa at Longwood College is to recognize, encourage, and maintain the highest possible standards of scholarship and professional ethics in health, physical education and recreation. It was founded in 1916 at the Normal College of the American Gymnastic Union.

Connie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Murray, is a physical education major working toward the bachelor of science degree.

A comprehensive college, Longwood offers majors in 26 subject areas, as well as professional training for social work, business, the health sciences, and teaching. Founded in 1839, the college became fully coeducational in the fall of 1976. Enrollment is approximately 2,400, including some 700 male students.

Foreign oil cited as problem



Our dependence on foreign oil is a problem because it not only drains increasing amounts of money out of the country, it also places control over part of our energy supply in the hands of persons and events over which we have limited influence.

Reliance on imported oil has meant reliance on the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Reliance on OPEC basically has meant reliance on Saudi Arabia. That one country has such vast, easy to get at reserves it accounts for nearly a third of the oil produced by OPEC, and dominates that organization.

How much oil Saudi Arabia chooses to produce each year can have a profound effect on the world oil market.

From our point of view, it would be nice if the Saudis and other OPEC nations produced as much oil as we would like to buy. It would also be nice if they didn't raise prices so much so often.

From their point of view, things look different.

OPEC continues raising the price of oil for several reasons. First of all, the OPEC rations are "new-rich. They were considered poor, undeveloped Third World countries before they gained control of their oil resources. Once they had control, they had the chance to raise prices, increase revenues and use the money to develop their own countries.

In addition to wanting to make more money from their oil, OPEC nations have been trying to keep up with inflation. Just as inflation erodes your paycheck, it eats away at the value of the dollars OPEC gets for its oil. To fight the effects of inflation on its revenues, OPEC has increased prices.

Finally, OPEC countries could be said to be "getting it while the getting is good." Many of them have virtually no other resource—particularly energy resource—to fall back on when their oil is gone. For example, the U.S. has vast reserves of coal; the Saudis have no coal.

Since the oil-producing countries will eventually run out of oil, they are interested in making as much money as they can while the oil lasts.

An awareness of the limits to their oil has also made the Saudis and other OPEC nations reluctant to produce as much oil as we would like to consume. They hope that higher prices for oil will encourage us to conserve, so we won't pressure them to produce more and more oil.

In any case, even if we want the OPEC countries to step up their oil production, several of them, including the Saudis, have put us on notice that they intend to continue limiting the amount of oil they produce.

Again, production limits make sense, from their point of view. In addition to making their oil resources last longer, production limits help them control the supply of oil, to keep oil surpluses from temporarily depressing prices.

Also, the Saudis and other oil-producing nations which are using their revenues to develop their economies want to keep their incomes at manageable levels. It takes time to industrialize a nation that is rural and undeveloped.

The economies of countries like Saudi Arabia can only absorb so much money at one time. Their oil revenues are so vast that they can limit production and still make plenty of money to meet their current needs.

It seems clear that OPEC countries are not going to increase their oil production at our direction. The oil is theirs, and our ability to tell them what to do with it is obviously limited.

Our reliance on foreign oil for nearly half the oil we use in this country not only makes us dependent on decisions made by foreign leaders, it also can put us in a tough position when that leadership changes.

We have seen what can happen. One of the Persian Gulf states, Iran, has already gone from pro-American to anti-American leadership, making it an on-again, off-again oil supplier.

Saudi Arabia is generally viewed as moderate, anti-communistic and interested in maintaining the economic health of its oil customers in the West. The country is a confederation put together in this century and ruled by the Saud family. How stable the government is is a matter of debate.

Even if the Saud family continues in power for the rest of this century, the country's attitude towards the West could change, according to who is king.

OPEC may not be the most stable foundation on which to place our country's energy consumption plans.

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This article is part of a course on energy offered by the Virginia Tech Mechanical Engineering Department and the Cooperative Extension Service. For more information, call Lonnette Chilton at the local extension office.

ABC meet set

The Appomattox County High School Athletic Boosters Club will meet on Monday evening, Nov. 17 at 7:30 in the ACHS library.

WIEH meet set

The Wreck Island Extension Homemakers Club will meet on Wednesday, November 19 at 9 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Dress Staten. A demonstration on Christmas decorations will be held.

All members are urged to make plans to attend and participate.

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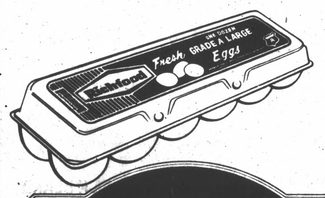

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